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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know the special reason for retaining the Deputy Directress in her office for such a long time ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" There was no special reason to remove her; that is all I can say. "

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know if the hon. the Minister is not aware that there is a reason for removing her ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I am not at present in a position to say anything about that, without a longer notice than this. "

Deputy Directress of Public Instruction.

* 348 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) who is the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction;

(*b*) how long she has been holding that appointment;

(*c*) whether there are any Indian women officers of the Indian Educational Service who are seniors to her; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to appoint an Indian woman officer to the post of Deputy Directress of Public Instruction?

A.—(*a*) Miss Irene H. Lowe.

(*b*) She has been holding the post since the 17th August 1926. During this period she has been on leave for about eleven months.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Tours made by the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction.

* 349 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi:— Will the hon the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what tours were made by the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction during each of the months from July 1930 to June 1931;

(*b*) what expenditure was incurred on travelling allowance in respect of these tours during each of these months; and

(*c*) what specific work was done by the Deputy Directress in each of these tours?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following statement gives the information:—

Month.	Districts visited.	Expenditure on travelling allowance.
July 1930	Vizagapatam and East Godavari.	About Rs. 107
January 1931 ..	North Arcot	61
March 1931 ..	Guntur	105
	South Arcot and Tanjore ..	91
	Chingleput	32
June 1931	Coimbatore	451 (Coimbatore to Cuddapah)
	Malabar	
	Anantapur	
	Bellary	
	Kurnool	
	Cuddapah	

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(c) In each of the tours useful information was collected in regard to questions affecting individual schools which required local investigation and also in respect of the general question of the development of female education in the locality.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, with reference to the answer to clause (c) of the question, what information has been obtained ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I cannot say without notice. Abundant information has been received which the Government consider useful."

Alleged petition for the removal of Miss B. Amirthammal from Government service.

*350 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether Miss B. Amirthammal, Lecturer in the Lady Willingdon Training College, was on leave from 23rd January to 23rd February 1931 and, if so, for what reason;

(b) whether on the expiry of her leave she took her residence in the Widows' Home attached to the College, and, if so, on what terms, and on whose permission; and

(c) whether any petitions were received by the Superintendent of the Home and by the Government for her removal from the Home and from Government service and how they have been disposed of and why?

A.—(a) Miss B. Amirthammal was granted leave for 25 days from the 26th January 1931 for reasons of health.

(b) The Principal has reported that Miss Amirthammal stayed in the Ice House Hostel for the last five days of February, the whole of March and the first five days of April 1931 and that she paid the hostel at the rate of 12 annas a day in February and April and Rs. 15 for the month of March. The Principal accorded permission to the lecturer to stay in the hostel.

(c) It is stated that two petitions were received by the Superintendent of the hostel who showed them to the Principal, but took no further action on them as they were anonymous. Petitions were also received by Government who examined the allegations made and came to the conclusion that no enquiry was called for.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether Miss B. Amirthammal was granted leave for real ill-health or for any other reason ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"It was for ill-health, Sir."